

BAY-DELTA URBAN COALITION

July 10, 2000

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Dear Mr. Ritchie:

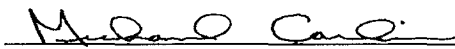
RE: Comments on the CALFED Framework for Action


This communication is to forward the Bay-Delta Urban Coalition's specific comments and clarifications that we believe need to be incorporated in the Record of Decision and Notice of Determination to be sure to preserve the intent of the CALFED Framework For Action, dated June 9, 2000.

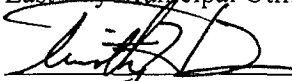
Overall, the Framework appears to provide a workable approach for moving forward on solutions to long-standing, critical Bay-Delta issues. Many tough issues that were not fully resolved in the June 1999 Revised Phase II Report are being addressed in the Framework. However, even where the Framework document is consistent with the Urban Coalition goals, the Framework action elements will require lengthy environmental approvals and other agreements before they are implemented.

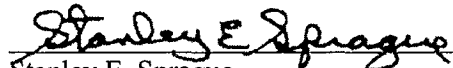
As such, the Urban Coalition is committed to fully engage our time, resources and constructive participation to assist in the implementation process. The following attachment suggests specific clarifications and refinements that the Urban Coalition believes should be included in the Record of Decision, and Notice of Determination to help assure that the Framework vision accomplishes its objectives. Our comments at this time focus on water quality, governance and assurance issues. In the future, we may jointly or separately address other elements of the Framework.

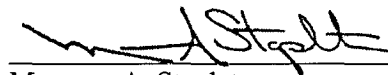
Sincerely,
Bay-Delta Urban Coalition Steering Committee

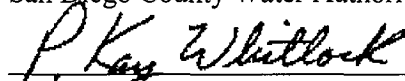

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Attachment

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